

## **Alma Foundation Meeting Minutes June 28, 2016**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:12PM on Tuesday, June 28, 2016.
2. Meeting Agenda: The agenda was approved with addition of: Mark Ray, Nancy Wood, Bonnie (Wendy's Wildflowers)
3. April Minutes: Approved; May is tabled as it has not been received.
4. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved. A \$5,000 donation from the Zimmerman's was noted and appreciation was expressed. The Yanos property purchase is delayed by two months due to note ties to the AOB. Many people donated expecting a June 30 purchase.
5. No phone messages.
6. Community Comment

6a. Mark Ray explains his proposal to the Board. The Board paid for the survey of people in the area to determine interest and the amount people would be willing to pay for service. Mark Ray has proposed that we send out an email to each of the respondents announcing his launch of new internet service. In return, the Alma Foundation would receive 5% of the net. Mark Bond explained the he had been approached by Mark Ray about employment in this venture. Bond subsequently recused himself from vote. Vote, however was postponed until Mark Ray sets up a website with a special link for this offer. Hector voiced his support for the fact that we need improved internet service and because it benefits the Foundation (perhaps to the tune of perhaps \$250/mo).

6b. Wendy's Wildflowers: Seed is purchased. Drinks and snacks are donated. If Tim Z cannot be there, Mark has offered to be his backup. Tim suggested Cindy Cole to step in as a town employee; Mark will assist her as necessary.

6c. Nancy Wood discussed Peace Day. Rather than adding Peace Day to the Festival, let's put it off until September 21, International Peace Day. Nancy talked to the head of the Ignacio Museum, a Ute Tribal member and the first to walk through this area. They have asked us to reimburse them for travel expenses and provide for lodging. We can hold this at the Riverwalk property which should be obtained on August 30<sup>th</sup>. We will bury the Peace Vase at Sunset. The other suggestion is to do this at Gateway Park. Hector moves to pay up to \$150 for travel expenses. Nancy asked to move that to \$200. Hector amends to \$200. Megan seconds. Vote is unanimous. We will buy two \$100 gas cards. Nancy will approach the Town for permission.

7. Riverwalk: As per discussion in item4, Treasurer's Report.

8. Clesson's Cabin: There is a bid from Wave electric that was approved month ago and Wave is a no-show. We are now awaiting a bid for Clesson's from Alpha-Omega.

9. Open Space and Trails: On behalf of Almart, Corey and Karen would like to dedicate some space in the store to promote the efforts of the Alma Foundation. Hector suggested a separate billboard space for this. We could sell our old T-Shirts. Karen introduced her friend Betsy. Betsy has come across a lot of people who have closed access through private property. As more people move here, they are closing trails. The Board suggested that Betsy also contact MRHI. Tim suggested that she work with us on a continuing basis as the Town of Alma and the Foundation have been addressing this problem for years. Bonnie suggested “proscripted easement”, which means that as long as the trail has been used by the public for 7 years, it becomes an easement. Hector points out that this issue is a bit beyond our scope and again suggests working with MRHI.

#### 10. Festival

Chip will get passes for the Band members so that we can recognize them. Mark will mark off parking spaces on Friday. All of the cups that we use are either compostable or recyclable. Hector – motion to keep food costs under \$500 for the band. Remi seconds. Approval is unanimous. Setup starts on Tuesday so as to minimize the workload on Friday. Volunteers come from the community at large. Marty – we seem to be well covered for volunteers during the Festival. Mark again suggests a Board member at all times in the Beer tent. Remi will take care of the Bloody Mary supplies. Dave Aceto: We have nine sponsors for the Race. Dave will get the trophy requirements to Remi tomorrow.

Tim – we will meet the week before to hash out the final details.

We need to check out the Wi-Fi. Let’s get together the week before and make sure that the POS and internet work.

Remi would like us to buy a wire-feed to make the trophies.

#### 11. Officers Reports

Andrew: We should not lose focus on Clesson’s Cabin. Mark: We should have a bid this week.

Megan: Graduation went well. The scholarships were appreciated.

#### 12. Adjournment

Tim called for adjournment, Remi seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 7:46.